

Kansas Public Health Association

Kansas Public Health Association Announces 2004 Events

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The Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) announces two upcoming educational events.

The second annual Spring Training will be held June 8-9 in Great Bend. This will be a multi-track extensive public health workshop sponsored by the KPHA. Program planning is in process at this time. If you have interest in presenting at this workshop or have suggestions for presentations, please forward those ideas to KPHA at kpha@networksplus.net.

Planning is well underway for the 2004 Kansas Public Health Conference. This annual conference is the largest public health event held in Kansas and will be hosted September 27 – 29 in Topeka at the Capital Plaza. The theme of this year's conference is "Leading the Way to a Healthier Kansas." Negotiations are in process for two nationally respected public health speakers to be highlighted at the conference along with three other local or regional plenary speakers. The conference will also feature poster presentations of research and public health advancements being conducted throughout the state in local and state health departments as well as the public health educational institutions in the state. There will be 16 breakout sessions featuring topics of significant interest to the work and advancement of public health in Kansas.



There will be regular updates appearing in *KDHE News* throughout the year along with other publicity mechanisms. There will be a first call for paper and poster abstracts coming out around March 1st with a submission deadline of May 15th. Late breaker abstracts will be called for around June 15th with a submission deadline of August 1st. If you have interest in suggesting or presenting a breakout session, please contact Janice McCoy (jmccoy@cowleycounty.org) or Holly Whitlock (Holly.Whitlock@jocoks.com) to submit those ideas for consideration.

For more information about either of these events, contact Phil Griffin, KDHE TB Control and Prevention Director in BEDP (pgriffin@kdhe.stste.ks.us). Griffin is the President-Elect of the KPHA and the 2004 Kansas Public Health Conference Committee chairperson.